

May 25, 2022

The regular meeting of the Borough of Riverdale Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Carelli presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Absent: None

The Municipal Clerk announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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Councilman Purcell set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis
Abstain: Pellegrini
Absent: None
Nays: None
(5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

- 1) Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Council President Pellegrini, to introduce the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

ORDINANCE 04-2022

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 56 POST LANE (BLOCK 19, LOT 4) FROM JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

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PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

- 1) Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 03-2022

CALENDAR YEAR 2022 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

The Municipal Clerk read the notice for the second reading and final adoption.

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public portion.

ALL IN FAVOR

Councilman Oswald set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Revis,

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RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 03-2022 as read on second reading at this meeting, be adopted and finally passed.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
 Nays: None
 Abstain: None
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

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RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Kheyfets set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Oswald, to approve the following resolutions:

- 110-2022:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS AND THE ISSUANCE OF CHECKS FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MAY 25, 2022 FOR 2021/2022 BILLS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$792,578.80
- 111-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Roberta and Darren Spezio, 33 Cottage Place, Riverdale, NJ Block 29, Lot 56
- 112-2022:** RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEWER CONNECTION Sandra Struble, 18 Munn Avenue, Riverdale, NJ Block 23, Lot 31.02
- 113-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A REDEVELOPMENT STUDY ON THE PROPERTY KNOW AS BLOCK 13, LOT 27, 125 HAMBURG TURNPIKE
- 114-2022:** RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE BUDGET CAP LAW TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR INCREASING INSURANCE COSTS
- 115-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INDEPENDENCE PARK BRIDGE AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AS APPROPRIATED IN CAPITAL ORDINANCE #8-2021 FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$14,850.00
- 116-2022:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A TAX APPEAL (CLYNE v. BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE – BLOCK 37, LOT 11)

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
 Nays: None
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

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BUDGET AND FINANCE PRESENTATION:

Mayor Carelli gave a Power Point presentation that provided an overview of the 2022 municipal budget. He thanked the Governing Body, municipal officials, professionals, employees and volunteers for their work throughout the year. He gave a recap of the 2021 tax bill and reviewed the 2022 assessments. He gave a summary of the operating budget. He also went over various projects we plan to do this year including Riverdale 100th Anniversary on April 17, 2023. The municipal tax increase for the average house is \$67 for the year.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting for the public hearing for the 2022 municipal budget.

There being no comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public hearing.

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PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (continued):

ALL IN FAVOR

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution for adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget.

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Purcell, for the adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Desai, Kheyfets, Oswald, Purcell, Revis, Pellegrini
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Carelli reported that Monday is the Memorial Day Parade and we will start lining up down on Arlington at 9:30AM – 9:45AM and we will have our Memorial Day Ceremony at 10AM. Michael Carelli asked the mayor to announce at tonight's meeting that we did get a grant for a Borough wide Tree Inventory project. Starting around June 13th there will be state licensing tree experts from JP Arbor Consulting and they will be conducting inventory of trees along the Borough right-a-ways. Inspections will take place Monday – Friday between the hours of 8am – 6pm. We opened bids today on Greenwich and Van Dyne the low bidder for \$472,000 and range up to \$614,000. The apparent low bidder is Vektor Corporation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Councilman Kehyfets received an email from the Chief he needed something added to the website for the hiring practice documentation from the State.

UTILITIES: Councilman Oswald reported that the shade tree committee met on Monday and we received donations from Home Depot for trees. They will be lining the parking lot of the Community Center and we have money left over from our grant from last year and we will try and purchase more trees and offer them to our residents. With the trail grant we met with the county virtually and they gave us some suggestions on how to do certain things and we have to keep them up to date quarterly. Once all the paperwork is in, they will give us that grant immediately and hopefully we will have it for the 100th Anniversary. The DPW has started putting in the batting cages. Pompton Lakes donated the batting cages and obviously they will be using them and the residents will be able to use them too.

COMMUNICATIONS: Councilman Purcell asked if the mayor heard from the fireworks company and the mayor has not and he has secured a donation for the fireworks.

PUBLIC WORKS: Council President Pellegrini reported that we added a bucket truck to a list of vehicles which we purchased from Butler.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Councilman Revis reported that due to the horrible event that happened yesterday Councilman Kehyfets and himself reached out to the Chief separately to talk about the security at the school and his relationship with the school. The Chief assured us that there is continued dialog between him and the management at the school and our officers spend a lot of time there. There is only one valid secured entrance to the school and there is continued discussion on making the school secured.

FINANCE/SEWER: Councilman Desai reported that Council President Pellegrini and himself had a sewer meeting last week and there was a demonstration by the metering company on their online real-time reporting service which all of us have access to.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT: No report.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Carelli opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There being no comments, Mayor Carelli closed the public session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Desai set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kehyfets, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Abubakar T. Jalloh
Municipal Clerk